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With reference to our remarks on the stamp duties yesterday, we have since learned that the new Ordinance has actually been prepared, that copies have been supplied to each Bank, to each solicitor, and to the Chamber of Commerce, and that each Insurance Company or Agency has received an extract bearing on its insurance business. This is so far satisfactory, but the Government might have gone further and supplied a copy of the draft to the local papers, so that any points calling for discussion might be thoroughly ventilated. The stamp duties, although falling chiefly on merchants, affect every one more or less, and the stockholders and others not represented in the Chamber of Commerce are equally entitled to be acquainted with what is being done. There will of course be some time allowed for consideration after the formal introduction of the Bill in the Legislative Council, but probably not very much. The measure is one to which too much publicity cannot be given. It will, we understand, probably be brought forward when the Legislative Session commences.

CHINESE THIEVES AND PREDATORS ARE NOT ONE WHO BEHIND THEIR WESTERN CONSPIRES IN INGENUITY AND CUNNING. We have had numerous illustrations of the resourceful dodges of those who live by their wits in this Colony, and the criminal classes in and around Shanghai are apparently in no way behind the Chinese rogues. The extensive robberies of the Telegraph Companies' cables, however, near Woosung are a new departure equally daring and successful. Great efforts have been made to put a stop to this most mischievous, annoying, and serious depredation. For the sake of a mere trifles, obtained by cutting and breaking up the cables, the Companies have been put to enormous expense and loss, and the public made to suffer great inconvenience by the consequent suspension of telegraphic communication between Shanghai and the South. It appears, from the Shanghai papers, that the robberies were conducted in the most systematic manner, and that the fishing village near Lantau Crossing had become a flourishing market for the sale of the copper and steel wire extracted from the cables. The copper wire was melted into bars by the thieves, and the steel wire was cut into short lengths, packed in bundles, weighing about one-third of a picul, and sold to be manufactured into nails. The steel wire fetched from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per picul, and was sold principally for the Soochow and Hangchow markets. The thieves were hardly men of good divers, and the chief is reported to be able to dive into and do work in 100 feet depth of water. The gang had good boats, and were well provided with files, cold chisels, and heavy hammers. The necessity for breaking up this dangerous organization is sufficiently apparent, and the Companies have done their best to get the thieves punished. Seven Chinese, five of whom were cable cutters and two receivers of the stolen property, were brought up at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on the 15th instant, and confessed their criminality. The British and Danish Assessors urged that a severe sentence should be passed, and named five years' imprisonment, but Chen considered that two years would be a sufficient punishment, and ultimately the matter was referred to the Tao-tai. Considering the serious consequences that have attended the action of

the prisoners, no doubt can exist in any mind that a deterrent sentence should be passed, in order that the Telegraph Companies may be protected from such destructive pillage in the future. Either this must be done, or the Chinese Government ought to accept responsibility for all loss to which the Companies may be put by their failure to protect them.

The French gunboat *Lutin*, Captain Roavier, arrived here yesterday from Canton.

H.M.S. *Zephyr* arrived at Foochow on the 8th inst. from Nagasaki to take the place of the *Cleopatra*.

The German steamer *China* was yesterday sold at anchor by Mr. G. R. Lammet, and eventually knocked down to Capt. E. W. Focke, of Swatow.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.) inform us that the Franska Line steamer *Ithaca*, from Marseilles, left Saigon for this port yesterday afternoon.

Although the Home Government have resolved, for the present, to sanction the annexation of New Guinea by Queensland, there can be no doubt that sooner or later they will be compelled to assent to the wishes of the Australian Colonists. Accounts of the country such as that supplied by Captain Armit, the special correspondent of the Melbourne *Argus*, will be calculated to greatly intensify the desire of the colonists to see New Guinea placed under the English flag. According to this gentleman it is a land flowing with milk and honey, the people in the interior, unlike the savages on the coast, are an orderly, well-disposed, and comparatively civilized race, and the country only wants capital and energy to make it yield its riches to the commerce of the world. The natives raise sufficient for their own wants, but the bulk of the land is undeveloped, and the advent of Europeans, under a stable government, could not fail to benefit the natives as much as the settlers. If such a Government is not soon established there is the danger that the country will be largely occupied without it, and that a state of affairs similar to that which formerly existed in Fiji and some of the other islands of the South Seas will be brought about. The question as to the desirability of annexation will practically resolve itself into that of whether the country should have a government, or should be governed by settlers subject to no law. Where the prospect is so clear it would surely be advisable to make provision for the enforcement of law at the commencement instead of waiting until a state of lawlessness has become established which can no longer be left uncorrected.

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ARRIVALS.

October 19, DUNLOP, British steamer, 983, S. Ashton, Foochow 16th October, Amoy 17th, and Swatow 18th, General—DUGAS LAPRAIK & Co.

October 19, NINGPO, British str., 761, Cass, Shanghai 16th October, General—SHEPPARD & Co.

October 19, DANUBE, British steamer, 561, J. Newton, Bangkok 11th Oct., Rice and General—YOUNG FATT HONG.

October 19, PET HO, French steamer, 2,073, M. Laffon, Marseilles 16th Oct., Suez 24th, Aden 29th, Colombo 6th Oct., Singapore 12th, and Saigon 17th, Malacca and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

October 19, FU-YEW, Chinese steamer, 920, Cram, Canton 19th Oct., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

October 19, FOKEEN, British steamer, 508, Harris, Tamsui 16th Oct., and Amoy 18th, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

October 19, LUTIN, French gunboat, from Canton.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
October 19th.

Naples, British str., for Macao.

Canada, Dutch str., for Amoy.

Canton, British str., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

October 19, GREYHOUND, British sch., for Bangkok.

October 19, LIVINGSTONE, German bark, for Iloilo.

October 19, ESMERALDA, British steamer, for Manila.

October 19, LEGAZPI, Spanish transport, for Shanghai.

October 19, NAPLES, British steamer, for Macao.

October 19, NINGPO, British steamer, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

For Ningpo, str., from Shantou—30 Chinese.
For Douglas, str., from Ningpo—50 Chinese.
For Douglas, str., from Coast Ports—Macao Traders and Turnhills, and 302 Chinese.
For Pei-ho, str., from Macao—From Mar-selles—Mr. and Mrs. Muller, and Mr. Plenck, from Saigon—54 Chinese—For Shanghai—From Marseilles—Mr. and Mrs. Smoller Campbell, with their son and three children, Messrs. Paris, Elliot, Morris, La Riviere, Marshall, Delfont, Garrison, Six Sisters, Chevalier, John Schmidt, and Oliva—From Saigon—Mrs. Laura Schwann, From Yokohama—From Marseilles—Messrs. Richter and Silvin.

For Foken, str., from Amoy, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Elles, and 10 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Naples* reports left Shanghai on the 16th inst., and had light N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Dunlop* reports left Bangkok at 1:30 a.m., 13th instant, and had moderate N.E. winds to Palo Obo, thence to port, strong monsoon and high seas. In Foochow H.M.S. *Zephyr*, str., Whampoa, Nanking, and Hangchow, and *Sparta*, str., from Tsin-ko, Abing, Dubong, and Strathmore. In Swatow, str., Chitso, Tamsui, and Kuang-chou.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports left Foochow on the 18th inst., Amoy on the 17th, and Swatow on the 18th, and had moderate wind and fine weather throughout. In Foochow H.M.S. *Zephyr*, str., Whampoa, Nanking, and Hangchow, and *Sparta*, str., from Tsin-ko, Abing, Dubong, and Strathmore. In Swatow, str., Chitso, Tamsui, and Kuang-chou.

AMOY SHIPPING.

October 19, China, German str., from Tamsui—11, Fokien, British str., from Hongkong, 11, Kwangtung, British str., from Foochow, 11, Iu, German bark, from Kobo.

11, Alay, British str., from Iuawoo, 11, Gauzau, German str., from Swatow, 11, Swatow, British str., from Hongkong, 12, Swatow, British str., from Shanghai, 13, Den Juan, Spanish str., from HKong, 14, Namco, British str., from Hongkong, 14, Galley of Lorne, British str., from Shai, 14, Esmeralda, British str., from Manil, 14, Lucky, Chinese bark, from Shanghai, 15, Halloung, British str., from Tamsui, 15, Brantford, British bark, from Shanghai, 15, Kuan-tung, North bark, from Kobo, 15, Kwangtung, British str., from Shanghai, 15, Kwangtung, British str., from Swatow, 15, Nanking, British str., from Swatow, 16, Dubong, British str., from Swatow.

October 19—DEPARTURES.

10, Whampoa, British str., for Swatow, 11, Sin-Taiwan, British str., for Taiwan, 11, Fokien, British str., for Tamsui, 11, China, German str., for Hongkong, 11, Kwangtung, British str., for Swatow, 12, Kwangtung, British str., for Tamsui, 12, Kwangtung, British str., for Shanghai, 13, Dongguan, British str., for Foshow, 13, Liang-fang, Customs str., for Formosa, 13, C. H. Kian, British str., for Swatow, 13, Seewo, British str., for Swatow, 14, Auguste, British str., for Nanchang, 15, Den Juan, Spanish str., for Manila, 15, Namco, British str., for Foshow, 16, China Kai, Chinese g.b., for Foochow, 16, Esmeralda, British str., for Hongkong, 16, Halloung, British str., for Tamsui.

FOOCHEW SHIPPING.

October 19—ARRIVALS.

2, Swatow, British str., from HKong, 2, Patricio, British str., from Shanghai, 2, Zephys, British str., from Japan.

10, Taiko, British str., from Shanghai.

12, Naples, British str., from Hongkong.

13, Kristine Nilus, Amc. bpt., from Bangkok.

October 19—DEPARTURES.

7, Glencoe, British str., for London, 7, Grand Steamer British str., for Tientsin, 7, Patricio, British str., for Shanghai.

9, Cedric, British str., for Hongkong.

10, Kwangtung, British str., for London, 10, Patricio, British str., for Hongkong.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.

(See last Mail's Advice).

Catharina II (s.), Hankow..... Aug. 29

Passaco (s.)..... Japan..... Aug. 31

Glaucus (s.)..... Shanghai..... Sept. 2

1. de Ministro (s.), Manila..... Sept. 3

Basilisk (s.), London..... Sept. 4

Nepal (s.)..... Shanghai..... Sept. 5

Oriates (s.)..... Shanghai..... Sept. 5

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.

(Corrected to Date).

Sesame..... Penang..... Sept. 12

Comet..... Penang..... Sept. 23

Elizabeth (s.), Penang..... July 1

H. M. S. Merlin..... Plymouth..... July 7

Orion (s.), Penang..... July 13

H. L. G. M. S. Stein, Plymouth..... July 24

Osaka (s.), London..... July 31

Willy (s.), Cuxhaven..... Aug. 6

Jotom (s.), Antwerp..... Aug. 9

Wilhelm (s.), London..... Aug. 16

Sargeon (s.), Liverpool..... Aug. 21

Willie the Wisp (s.), Hull..... Aug. 25

Lia (s.), London..... Aug. 29

Ajay (s.), Liverpool..... Aug. 30

Stamboul (s.), Marseilles..... Aug. 30

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Dakota (s.), Penang..... Sept. 4

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equally entitled to be acquainted with
what is being done. There will of course
be some time allowed for consideration after
the formal introduction of the Bill in the
Legislative Council, but probably not very
much. The measure is one to which too
much publicity cannot be given. It will, we
understand, probably be brought forward
when the Legislative Session commences.

CHINESE thieves and depredators are not
only behind their Western confederates in
injustice and cruelty. We have had numerous
illustrations of the resourceful devices of
those who live by their wits in this Colony, and
the criminal classes in and around Shanghai
are apparently in no way behind the Canton-
ese rogues. The extensive robberies of the
Telegraph Companies cables, however, near
Woosung are a new departure equally daring
and successful. Great efforts have been
made to put a stop to this most mischievous,
cruel, and serious depredation. For the
use of a mere trifle, obtained by cutting and
breaking up the cables, the Companies have
been put to enormous expense and loss, and
the public made to suffer great inconvenience
by the consequent suspension of telegraphic
communication between Shanghai and the
South. It appears, from the Shanghai papers,
that the robberies were conducted in the most
systematic manner, and that the fishing village
near Lanshan Crossing had become a flour-
ishing market for the sale of the copper and
steel wire extracted from the cable. The
thieves, and the steel wire was cut into short
lengths, packed in bundles weighing about
one-third of a picul, and sold to be manu-
factured into nails. The steel wire fetched
from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per picul, and was sold
principally for the Soochow and Hang-
chow markets. The thieves were hardy men
and, indeed, the chief, if not the
reported to be able to dive into and do work
in 100 feet depth of water. The gang had
good boats, and were well provided with
files, cold chisels, and heavy hammers. The
necessity for breaking up this dangerous orga-
nisation is sufficiently apparent, and the Com-
panies have done their best to get the thieves
punished. Seven Chinese, five of whom
were cable cutters and two receivers of the stolen
property, were brought up at the Mixed
Court, Shanghai, on the 15th instant, and
confessed their criminality. The British and
Danish Assessors urged that a severe sentence
should be passed, and named five
years' imprisonment, but Clegg considered
that two years would be a sufficient punish-
ment, and ultimately the matter was referred
to the Taotai. Considering the serious con-
sequences that have attended the action of

the prisoners, no doubt can exist in any mind
that a deterrent sentence should be passed,
in order that the Telegraph Companies may
be protected from such destructive pillage in
the future. Either this must be done, or
the Chinese Government ought to accept
responsibility for all loss to which the Com-
panies may be put by their failure to protect them.

The French gunboat *Lutte*, Captain Bouriez,
arrived here yesterday from Canton.

H.M.S. *Zephyr* arrived from Foochow on the 8th

inst. from Nagasaki to take the place of the
Cockchafer.

The German steamer *China* was sold at auction

by Mr. G. E. Lummer, and
eventually knocked down to Capt. F. W. Fookes,
of Swatow.

The Agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.)
inform us that the Fransine Line steamer
Libon, from Mar Del Plata, left Saigon for this
port yesterday afternoon.

As will be seen by the Company's notice in
another column, the D. O. steamer *Arabia* will
leave the next American mail from this port
on Saturday.

The Baud of the Buffs gave another of their
pleasant *au freres* performances in the Botanic
Gardens, where was, as usual, a large audience.

The night being fine and tempestuous, and the pro-
gramme attractive.

A very small audience we regret to say, assem-
bled in St. Andrew's Hall, on Thursday
night, to enjoy the concert given by Signor
Crispi. In spite of the disagreeable stay of
empty-headed, and the audience excited
and rewarded with the playing of their
own music.

The son, by an amateur was
very pleasantly sung, and Signor Crispi's

performances on the piano did full credit to that

of his teacher.

The Baud of the Buffs will be performed to the public
on Friday evening.

Important reinforcements are leaving for Ton-
kin.

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EXTRACTS.

THE IVY.
Pushing the cloak of earth aside,
Leaving the dark where foul things hide,
Spreading its leaves to the sunnier sun,
Leisure ended, freedom won;
So, my soul, like the ivy so,
Elo, for the sunless cells call for thee!

Climbing up as the seasons go,
Locking down upon things below,
Twining itself in the branches high,
As if the frail thing owned the sky;

So, my soul, like the ivy so,
Heaven, not earth, is the place for thee.

Wrapping itself round the giant oak,
Pulling itself from the tempest's stroke;

Strong and brave is the fragile thing;

For it knows no terror, how to cling;

So, my soul, there's strength for thee,

Hear the Mighty One, "Lean on Me!"

Green are its leaves when the world's white,

For the ivy sings through the frosty night;

Keeping the hearts of oak awake,

Till the flowers shall bloom and the Spring shall break;

So, my soul, through the Winter's rain,

Sing the sunshine back again.

Opening its green and twinkling breast,

Giving the timid birds a nest;

Coming out from the Winter wild,

To make a wreath for the Holy Child;

So let my life like the ivy be,

A help to man and a wreath for Thee!

Fool Words.

A MEXICAN LADY'S MAID.

Ereva a "lone born" Mrs. Grunmane, like

your faithful scribe, must perform defer to

popular prejudice, and set up a female ordo

to follow her about—a piece of household

furniture, neither useful nor ornamental.

She is the torment of my life, pilfering my

choice possessions, experimenting with my

toilet articles, distributing my raiment

among her friends in occasional bursts of

generosity, and when not otherwise engaged,

sitting cross-legged upon the floor, suggestively

scratching with both hands among her raven treasures. At first, like St. Paul,

I "kicked against the bricks," and vowed I

would not submit to such an unmigated

nuisance; but I came to it gracefully in time,

as you would also, my most fastidious

friends, under similar circumstances. Aside

from the matter of good taste in conforming

to the customs of the country one is living in,

and the natural desire to be considered at least "respectable" even by strangers,

this concession of American independence to

the tyranny of the Mexican servant system

is necessary in order to gain and maintain

the entré to the "best society," whose

mysteries I am here on purpose to explore.

To have a faint idea of some of the smallest

liens in the way of my mission, you must

understand that for a lady to be travelling

alone under any circumstances is an almost

unpardonable crime in Mexico. To abide

for a day in a hotel is a disgrace, which it is

hard to live down, and boarding houses there

are none. Well, one must eat now and then, in spite of popular prejudices, and life is too short to set up housekeeping with a retinue of retainers in every town, even if my magnificent newspaper income would allow. It is a wise old adage, "Of all evil choose the least"—and there sits my evil on the floor, scratching away as usual! She attends me "to mill and to mewl," to the restaurant for my meals (I could not go alone without daily insult), to the cathedral services, on my visiting and exploring excursions, as inevitable as my shadow and as useless. Perhaps I do her injustice in supposing she is neither useful nor ornamental. Considered simply in the latter light, she is as effectively picturesque a model of our brica-brac, and ugly Japanese jar, in existence, with her eyes that shine like stars, and skin the colour of an old sow. Upon the soles of her tiny bare feet she wears sandals of her own making, cut from the leg of an old boot, laced over and over with bits of string and around her shapely ankles. She always wears long blue velvets (a sort of national shawl), which with one careless toss she winds around her head, and shoulders with a grace which no American could imitate. If she tried a lifetime, as far as usefulness, she watches for tamaradas and centipedes, and the delight with which she tortures poisonous things, tearing off their legs, stabbing pine into them, and then grinding them into the ground, is characteristic. *Mystery Corp., Springfield, Massachusetts.*

VISITS OF THE LIVING TO THE DEAD.

There is an interesting account of the opening of the tomb of Edward I. in a letter from Mr. Gough to Tyson, in Vol. VIII.

It is probably well known to most readers, but I copy it in case it should not have already made its appearance in these pages: "The opening of the tomb of Edward I. and the actual view of the dead conqueror of Scotland, enshrouded in robes of royalty, his crown on his visage so well preserved as to exhibit a likeness to an able draughtsman, a mantle of red paled with white, and at every square a jewel of chased work, besprinkled with pearls and red stone; a superb scutum fastening the mantle on the right shoulder, studded with pearls and twenty-two joints, headed and crested by a brilliant sapphire; his hands bare and entire (a bone with tanned skin, but no nail), holding the right a square surmounted by a cross fleur, the left another, longer, surmounted by three clusters of oak leaves diminishing and terminating by a dove. These sceptres were of gilt metal, as also the crown of fleur-de-lis. The feet were enveloped, but the toes, plants, and talus might be felt, distinct and fleshy, and the whole body of six feet two inches long. Over the mantle was a wrapper or two, one strongly cerned." Hamper's grave in Great Haundon Church, was opened by his biographer, Lord Nugent, and the body was found in such a perfect state that the picture on the staircase of the house was known to be his from the likeness." (Tinns' Abbeys, Castles and Ancient Halls of England and Wales.) In 1796 the bodies of Lady Kilvey (widow of Viscount Dundee, the celebrated Claverhouse, and wife of the late Viscount Kilvey) and her infant son were exhumed and found in the most extraordinary state of preservation. They met their death in 1717 in Flanders, by the falling in of the roof of a house in which they and a number of other Scottish exiles were assembled. Their bodies were embalmed and sent over to Scotland, where they were buried with great pomp at Kilvey, in the family vault. The minister of Kilvey thus describes their "appearance in 1796: "The body of Lady Kilvey was quite entire; every feature and every limb was as full as the day she was lodged in the tomb. The features, nay, the very expression of her countenance, were marked and distinct. The body of her son lay at her knee. His features were as composed as if he were asleep; his colour was as fresh and his flesh as plump and full as in the perfect glow of health. Perhaps the most singular phenomenon was that the bodies seemed not to have undergone the smallest decomposition, and they retained their elasticity even after being exposed to the open air for many months. Several medical gentlemen examined them, and an incision was made into the arm of the infant. The bodies soon became pale and full in the perfect glow of health. 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